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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2915**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana**

February 24, 2006

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An act to amend Section 4830 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinary medicine.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2915, as amended, Saldana. Veterinary medicine: licensure.

Existing law, the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.

Existing law provides that the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to, among others, unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture when, in the course of their duties, they are directed by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer medications or biological products as part of government disease or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication activities.

This bill would also exempt from the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine ~~unlicensed personnel~~ *veterinarians* employed by a city, city and county, or county who ~~are acting in an official capacity for a diagnostic laboratory, operated by a governmental entity, as specified, at the direction of a veterinarian supervisor to conduct activities~~ *meet specified criteria and who are conducting activities,*

*under direct supervision*, related to pathology and epidemiology on dead animals as part of specified government ~~activities~~ *programs*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4830 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4830. This chapter does not apply to:
- 4 (a) Veterinarians while serving in any armed branch of the
- 5 military service of the United States or the United States
- 6 Department of Agriculture while actually engaged and employed
- 7 in their official capacity.
- 8 (b) Regularly licensed veterinarians in actual consultation
- 9 from other states.
- 10 (c) Regularly licensed veterinarians actually called from other
- 11 states to attend cases in this state, but who do not open an office
- 12 or appoint a place to do business within this state.
- 13 (d) Veterinarians employed by the University of California
- 14 while engaged in the performance of duties in connection with
- 15 the College of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station,
- 16 the School of Veterinary Medicine or the agricultural extension
- 17 work of the university or employed by the Western University of
- 18 Health Sciences while engaged in the performance of duties in
- 19 connection with the College of Veterinary Medicine or the
- 20 agricultural extension work of the university.
- 21 (e) Students in the School of Veterinary Medicine of the
- 22 University of California or the College of Veterinary Medicine of
- 23 the Western University of Health Sciences who participate in
- 24 diagnosis and treatment as part of their educational experience,
- 25 including those in off-campus educational programs under the
- 26 direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing, as
- 27 defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4848,
- 28 appointed by the University of California, Davis, or the Western
- 29 University of Health Sciences.
- 30 (f) A veterinarian who is employed by the Meat and Poultry
- 31 Inspection Branch of the California Department of Food and
- 32 Agriculture while actually engaged and employed in his or her
- 33 official capacity. A person exempt under this subdivision shall

1 not otherwise engage in the practice of veterinary medicine  
2 unless he or she is issued a license by the board.

3 (g) Unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of  
4 Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of  
5 Agriculture when, in the course of their duties, they are directed  
6 by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain  
7 biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer  
8 medications or biological products as part of government disease  
9 or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication  
10 activities.

11 ~~(h) Unlicensed personnel employed by a city, city and county,~~  
12 ~~or county who meet both of the following criteria:~~

13 ~~(1) They are acting in an official capacity for a diagnostic~~  
14 ~~laboratory operated by a city, city and county, county, or the~~  
15 ~~state.~~

16 ~~(2) They are conducting activities at the direction of a~~  
17 ~~veterinarian supervisor related to pathology and epidemiology on~~  
18 ~~dead animals as part of a government program to monitor a~~  
19 ~~disease or a disease-related condition or to investigate, control, or~~  
20 ~~eradicate a disease.~~

21 *(h) Veterinarians employed by a city, city and county, or*  
22 *county who meet all of the following criteria:*

23 *(1) They have earned and possess a doctorate in veterinary*  
24 *medicine from an American Veterinary Medical Association*  
25 *accredited college of veterinary medicine, possess a certificate*  
26 *issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary*  
27 *Graduates, or have achieved board certification from the*  
28 *American College of Veterinary Pathologists.*

29 *(2) They have successfully completed a residency approved by*  
30 *the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.*

31 *(3) They are conducting activities, under the direct*  
32 *supervision of a California licensed veterinary pathologist,*  
33 *related to pathology and epidemiology on dead animals as part*  
34 *of a government program to monitor a disease or a*  
35 *disease-related condition or to investigate, control, or eradicate*  
36 *a disease.*